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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
ANNOUNCES THE SECOND SET OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ON
STORROW DRIVE TUNNEL PROJECT**

Open House Provides Opportunity for Public to Review Four Options

Boston - The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announces the second round of public meetings on the reconstruction of the Storrow Drive Tunnel. The meetings will take place on the 27th and 29th of March in Boston and Cambridge.

DCR will present four different tunnel options to the public for comment at the meetings. The options include:

1. Rehabilitating the existing tunnel in the current configuration
2. Constructing an At-Grade Parkway with traffic signals
3. Constructing a Two Tunnel option with no Arlington St. westbound exit to improve Esplanade access
4. Constructing new tunnels with at-grade local traffic

The presentation will include a comparison of the estimated costs and construction duration for the options, details about temporary construction impacts, as well as an evaluation of the options against draft criteria. Preliminary traffic data will be discussed, but traffic studies will be continuing through the spring. Because all of the options are likely to require traffic detours, shutdowns or diversions, DCR is working with other state agencies to look at regional traffic patterns and the potential impact of detours on other Boston and Cambridge streets and traffic flow. Detailed traffic data will be included as part of the environmental review conducted in accordance with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA). The Environmental Notification

Form (ENF), which initiates the MEPA review process, will be filed this spring.

The Public Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **Monday, March 27**
Open House: 6:30 to 7:15 PM
Public Meeting: 7:30 to 9 PM
Boston Public Library, Mezzanine, 700 Boylston St.
- **Wednesday, March 29**
Open House: 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Public Meeting: 7:30 to 9 PM
Morse School Cafeteria, 40 Granite St., Cambridge

The first round of public meetings, held in February, focused on the need to repair or replace the tunnel, the proposed public participation process and proposed goals or criteria for the project. The second set of meetings will begin with an Open House hour. This interactive approach includes the presentation of detailed posters that will illustrate the range of options under consideration, giving participants the opportunity to gain a visual understanding of the alternatives. DCR and engineering consultants will be available to answer questions and collect comments from the participants during the Open House. A PowerPoint presentation and discussion will follow the Open House.

The public meetings are designed to encourage public dialogue on alternatives for restoring the tunnel. The Storrow Drive tunnel carries eastbound traffic underground near Arlington Street, while supporting westbound traffic. Key elements of the tunnel, built in the 1950's, have deteriorated significantly and need to be upgraded to meet current safety standards.

The same information will be presented at both meetings.

The PowerPoint presentation from the February meetings and summary minutes are posted on DCR's website at www.mass.gov/dcr.

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